

WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

2005 ANNUAL MEETING REGISTRATION

"GROWING CONSERVATION IN TODAY'S ENVIRONMENT"

NOVEMBER 29 – DECEMBER 1, 2005

YAKIMA CONVENTION CENTER Yakima, Washington

"Progress lies not in enhancing what is, but in advancing toward what will be."

- Kahlíl Gíbran

ACCOMODATIONS

Greetings!

On behalf of the WACD Officers and Directors, I invite you to join us at the 64th gathering of the Washington Association of Conservation Districts. As proponents for natural resource protection and enhancement, as well as active advocates for the sustainability of working landscapes, our job is not always easy, and the hills we climb are not always small.

The theme for this year's meeting, "Growing Conservation in Today's Environment," reflects the need for us all to address the increasing challenges that can impact our conservation programs and cooperators. Irregardless of whether the issue is generated by nature, or is programmatic, or politically

driven, WACD and its membership must be ready to respond proactively, not reactivelu.

The 2005 Annual Meeting program has been developed to directly address the changing and challenging issues that conservation districts currently face.

"Be the change that you want to see in the world."

- Mahandas Gandhí

How each district, its personnel, and our conservation partners respond to increasing needs in an ever-increasingly complex world will have a lasting effect on the landscape.

We all continually strive to maintain the highest quality of work, both internally and on the ground, for which conservation districts are recognized. We hope you will join us in Yakima as we explore opportunities to learn and grow - individually, as local districts, and as a state organization.

Sincerelu, Paul Stoker **WACD** President

~ HOTEL INFORMATION ~

The 64th WACD Annual Meeting will be at the Yakima Convention Center in Yakima, Washington.

Reservations: For reservations, please call the Red Lion Hotel Yakima Center at 509-248-5900 and request the group rate for WACD. A credit card is required to guarantee your reservations. Our block of rooms will be held until November 4th. Reservations requested after that date will be accepted on a space and rate availability basis.

Room Rates: The rate for a standard single is \$60.00 and \$70.00 for double occupancy plus applicable taxes. Smoking rooms are available upon request.

Check In: Check in time is 3:00pm and check out time is 12:00pm. Guests arriving before 3:00pm will be accommodated as rooms become available.

Hotel Location: The hotel is located at 607 E. Yakima Avenue. From I-82 take the Yakima Avenue Exit 33 or 33B - toward Terrace Heights. Turn east onto East Yakima Avenue.

Airport Shuttle: Complimentary transportation is available to and from Yakima Airport. Please make arrangements with the hotel.

"There are risks and costs to a program of action. But they are far less than the longrange risks and costs of comfortable inaction. "

-John Fitzgerald Kennedy

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2005

1:00pm - 7:00pm	Registration
2:00pm - 4:30pm	WACD Officers & Directors Meeting
5:00pm - 7:00pm	WACD Plant Materials Center Meeting
7:00pm - 9:00pm	Reception with WACD Leadership

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2005

7:00am - 8:00am	WADE Breakfast/Speaker
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8:00am - 4:00pm	Registration
8:15am - 10:00am	Opening Ceremony & Keynote Address
10:15am - 11:45am	General Session - 2007 Farm Bill
Noon - 1:45pm	Special Luncheon/Speaker
2:00pm - 4:30pm	Resolution and Committee Meetings
5:00pm	Buses begin departure for Conservation
-	Education Auction Event - beverages and
	music to network by, dinner, and auction.
9:00 pm	Buses begin returning to hotel

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2005

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7:00am - 8:30am	Leadership Breakfast/Speaker
8:00am – Noon	Registration
Throughout the Day	WACD Committee Meetings
8:30am – 11:45am	Concurrent Sessions: Assessments A-Z,
	Personnel Issues, Conservation Security
	Program, the new Coordinated Resource
	Management Program, the Conservation
	Delivery System, and Policy/Procedures
	Development and Manuals
Noon – 1:45pm	Awards Luncheon
2:00pm - 5:00pm	WACD Business Meeting
6:00pm	No Host Social Hour

WACD Awards Banquet

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2005

7:00pm

7:00am - 8:15am	WACD Partnership Breakfast
8:30am — Noon	WACD Business Meeting

1:00pm – 5:00pm Conservation Commission Meeting

Some opportunities you won't want to miss......

 Informational and inspirational speakers from across the country and around the state, including:

> Olin Sims-NACD 2nd Vice-President, Past-President Western Coalition of Conservation Districts

Valoria Loveland, Director, Department of Agriculture

Jay Manning, Director, Department of Ecology (invited)

Randy Frazier, Frazier Communications, Inc.

- Sessions on building capacity in local and state programs.
- A special Farm Bill 2007 Listening/Input Session.
- Ways to build financial stability within your district and the WACD organization.
- Updates on the status of the WACD Strategic Plan, and the continued work of the WACD Committees and Task Forces.
- Annual Conservation Education Auction Night a chance to support WACD Educational Programs as you enjoy a catered dinner, fellowship, and fun.
- Presentation of educational, applied conservation, and district service awards.
- Election of 2006 WACD Officers, NACD National Director, and Central Conservation Commission Representative.
- Opportunity to shape the direction of resource policy and implementation through the resolution process.
- A venue to discuss current issues with old friends and an opportunity to make new contacts that will enhance your district's effectiveness.

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This form may be duplicated. Please fill out a separate form for each paying attendee (spouse should be on the same form as paying attendee). All attendees (except spouses and new supervisors) must pay the registration fee. Postmark Deadline: Friday, November 11, 2005. There will be an additional fee of \$40.00 for any registration received after the deadline. Spouse's Name (if registering on same form) **Email Address** Name Mailing Address State ZIP City District Representing: _____ District Employee Board Member _____ Federal Agency ____NACD Member _____ NACD Employee ____ NRCS _____ State Agency _Other **Registration** Quantity Total Fee Registration (no fee for spouse or <u>new supervisors</u>) 200.00 Late Registration (after November 12th or at Annual Meeting) 240.00 Tuesday, November 29, 2005 WADE Breakfast <u>\$ 15.00</u> Special Luncheon \$ 20.00 Catered Dinner and Auction (free - but tell us how many) No Charge Wednesday, November 30, 2005 WACD Leadership Breakfast (free for new supervisors) \$ 15.00 Awards Luncheon 20.00 WACD Banquet 30.00 Thursday, December 1, 2005 WACD Partnership Breakfast \$ 15.00 2006 NACD Affiliated Membership \$ 35.00 2006 WACD Legislative Fund 2006 WACD Educational Fund 2006 WACD Affiliated Membership 25.00 **TOTAL** Checks should be made payable to WACD Annual Meeting Mail Registration Form and Check to: WACD, 16564 Bradley Road, Bow, WA 98232 Refunds will be made on advanced payments if a request is received by November 19, 2005